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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 658**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Nakano and Jerome Horton**  
*(Coauthor: Senator Knight)*

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An act relating to local government reorganization, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 658, as amended, Nakano. Local government reorganization.

Existing law concerning reorganization proceedings and redevelopment projects for cities specifies a time period of 60 days from the date of the determination by the local agency formation commission or the redevelopment agency within which an action must be brought to determine the validity of a completed reorganization or the adoption of a redevelopment plan.

This bill would require that an action to determine the validity of the proposed reorganization or an amendment to Redevelopment Project Area No. 2 with respect to a proposed reorganization consisting of the detachment of specified federal military property from the City of El Segundo and its annexation to the City of Hawthorne be brought within

30 days of the action to approve the proposed reorganization or the amendment to the redevelopment project area, *as specified*.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations that a special law is necessary.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. For the purposes of a proposed reorganization  
2     consisting of the detachment of approximately 40 acres of federal  
3     military property from the City of El Segundo and the annexation  
4     of that detached territory to the City of Hawthorne, after the local  
5     agency formation commission has approved the proposal, the  
6     commission shall conduct proceedings pursuant to Part 4  
7     (commencing with Section 57000) of Division 3 of Title 5 of the  
8     Government Code. However, notwithstanding Section 56103 of  
9     the Government Code and Section 860 of the Code of Civil  
10    Procedure, an action to determine the validity of the proposed  
11    reorganization described in this section shall be brought within 30  
12    days of the date prescribed in Section 56102 of the Government  
13    ~~Code.~~ *Code, if the Department of Housing and Community*  
14    *Development has determined, pursuant to Section 65585 of the*  
15    *Government Code, that the housing element adopted by the City*  
16    *of Hawthorne is in substantial compliance with the requirements*  
17    *of Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of*  
18    *Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, as of the date*  
19    *prescribed in Section 56102 of the Government Code.*

20    SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 33501 of the Health and  
21    Safety Code and Section 860 of the Code of Civil Procedure, an  
22    action to determine the validity of the proposed amendment to  
23    Redevelopment Project Area No. 2 in the City of Hawthorne shall  
24    be brought within 30 days of the date prescribed in Section 33500  
25    of the Health and Safety ~~Code.~~ *Code, if the Department of Housing*  
26    *and Community Development has determined, pursuant to Section*  
27    *65585 of the Government Code, that the housing element adopted*  
28    *by the City of Hawthorne is in substantial compliance with the*  
29    *requirements of Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of*

1 *Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, as of*  
2 *the date of adoption of the ordinance amending the redevelopment*  
3 *plan.*

4 SEC. 3. *In enacting this act, the Legislature acknowledges the*  
5 *agreement by officials from the City of Hawthorne to provide legal*  
6 *and other professional services to those who are concerned with*  
7 *the provision of affordable housing.*

8 *The Legislature finds and declares that the enactment of this act*  
9 *results in unprecedented reductions in the statutes of limitations.*  
10 *However, providing more information and access to documents*  
11 *sooner than required by law results in an enhanced review process*  
12 *that actually is longer than the 60 days provided by law.*  
13 *Nevertheless, those reductions are justified by the number of jobs*  
14 *at stake because of the threatened closure of the Los Angeles Air*  
15 *Force Base and the potential for profound damage to the state's*  
16 *economy. This unprecedented action is justified because of the*  
17 *unique and intense collaboration among city officials, the United*  
18 *States Air Force, and private developers.*

19 SEC. 4. *The Legislature finds and declares that a special law*  
20 *is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable*  
21 *within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California*  
22 *Constitution because of the unique circumstances surrounding the*  
23 *status of Los Angeles Air Force Base. The facts constituting the*  
24 *special circumstances are as follows:*

25 *The threat of the closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base is real*  
26 *and imminent. In order to facilitate the plans of a partnership of the*  
27 *United States Air Force, the cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne,*  
28 *and private developers to preserve this vital component of the*  
29 *nation's homeland defense, military and intelligence capabilities,*  
30 *and partnerships with neighboring private aerospace companies,*  
31 *it is necessary to establish expedited reorganization procedures for*  
32 *the detachment and annexation of this federal military property.*

33 ~~SEC. 4.—~~

34 SEC. 5. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*  
35 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety*  
36 *within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go*  
37 *into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

38 *In order for reorganization proceedings for the detachment of*  
39 *certain federal military property from the City of El Segundo and*  
40 *the annexation of that territory to the City of Hawthorne to be*

- 1 completed in a timely manner that will permit compliance with
- 2 federal proceedings affecting that territory, it is necessary that this
- 3 act go into effect immediately.

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